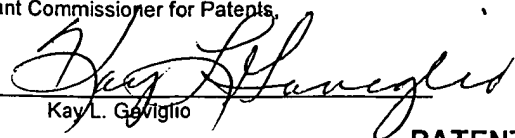


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Filed: June 23, 1997	)	
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Please consider and enter the following comments and amendments.

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Please insert the attached Sequence Listing after as pages 13-16.

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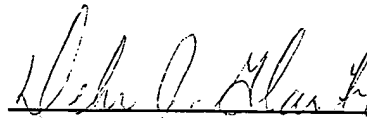
**REMARKS**

Applicants are amending the above-identified application pursuant to the Notice to Comply With the Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequences and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosure. Applicants submit that no new matter has been added by these amendments and respectfully request that these amendments be entered into the above-identified application.

The appropriate fee is submitted concurrently herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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